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THE INDIAN FISHERMAN

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THE Yakima Indians have tribal fish rights on the falls of the Columbia River at Celilo, and here the tribe obtains their winter supply of salmon each year in the same way that their ancestors did a hundred years ago. The favorite method is scooping salmon up with a dip-net out of the swift current. But the other ancient method of gigging with a pole and hook is almost equally in favor. The Indian believes that he has done enough work in catching the fish, so he allows his wife to carry it home, even across the extremely primitive rope bridge below which a dangerous whirlpool has taken in past generations scores of Indian lives.

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